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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, in relation to the above-captioned application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Official Action is set to expire on July 5, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this